





## GRISER ON GRAND AVENUE.

Big Water Main Bursts and Terrifies the Nearby Residents.

When a big water main under high pressure breaks there is certainly to be trouble and a whole lot of water.

There was both water and trouble at Grand avenue and Forest Park boulevard for two hours early Tuesday morning. Just how much the water level in Compensated Hill reservoir fell during that time has not yet been ascertained by Water Commissioner Holman, but from the appearance of the two thoroughfares during the inundation of Niagara, the steamboats must be having trouble at Cairo.

At 3 o'clock Tuesday morning there was a sudden upheaval of earth, a roar, a shower of mud and then a stream of water shooting heavenward, something over four feet in diameter at the summit, and 15 feet in height.

All good people in the neighborhood were asleep, but they were aroused. When they peered from upper windows they saw a geyser of water and mud shooting up from the bowels of the earth. Those who ventured forth to investigate were quickly returned for rubber boots. The water was already knee deep. In half an hour it was covering everything. It is something of a sink at the northern approach to the Grand avenue bridge, and just how deep the water was at this point, the police, even the police did not undertake to say. The water went into cellars, flooded street tracks and pedestrians, if there had been any, would have had to swim along the sidewalks.

Of course, no one knew what to do, not even the police. But for an automatic gauge in the Water Department the night force there would have been ignorant of the trouble. It was two hours before the water subsided, and the police, according to Secretary Ben Holland, having been slow in informing them of the seat of war.

All that time the residents were in momentary fear of being drowned out. The leak is attributed to an accumulation of air in the main.

## SHOT FOR ANOTHER.

A Paper Carrier's Mistake Causes a Row That Ends in Blood.

The mistake of a newspaper carrier in leaving a paper at the wrong place Monday evening led to a shooting affray, which resulted in Frank Angel receiving a probably fatal wound at the hands of Cornelia Bibbs. Both parties to the affray are colored and reside at the scene of the shooting, 2044 Targee street.

Angel is said to have been shot by mistake, the Bibbs woman mistaking him in the darkness for Mary Belle Dabney, with whom she had some difficulty a few minutes before. She lives on the top floor of the above number, is a subscriber to an afternoon paper which is left at her door daily. Monday evening, when she was out on that route and the paper was left at Mrs. Bibbs' door, down stairs. When Mrs. Dabney returned home she saw the paper and for her paper in vain. At last she ascertained that it had been left at the wrong door. She went down stairs to get it and in an instant she was face to face with the two women, during which choice epithets were interchanged. The Dabney woman soon left and went upstairs to her own apartments. Mrs. Bibbs followed her up the stairs and continued her hostile language at Mrs. Dabney. The latter shut the door in her face.

A few minutes later, Angel, who is a cleaner, employed at the Union Depot, and who boards with Mrs. Dabney, opened the door, intending to go to the floor, screaming with pain. He was greeted with a blinding flash and a loud report, and the next moment he fell to the floor, screaming with pain. A bullet had lodged in his right groin.

The shot had been fired by the Bibbs woman, who stated, afterwards, that she had remained outside the door ready to shoot Dabney when she came out. When Angel opened the door, she supposed that he was her intended victim, and, without waiting to see, she pulled the pistol from her pocket and fired.

After the shooting, Mrs. Bibbs rushed downstairs to her own rooms, where she was arrested after the affray by Officer Ryan and Flaherty.

Angel refused to go to the hospital, and his wounds were dressed by Dr. Stelmets.

## SHOTS EXCHANGED.

Serious Trouble Anticipated in the Pomeroy (O.) District.

POMEROY, O., April 8.—The mining situation at Minersville is growing more serious between the strikers and the strangers employed to take their places and a battle is expected at any time. There have been several shots exchanged already. Seventy-five pounds of dynamite is known to be in the village. At a meeting of strikers last night it was resolved to continue the strike and force the non-union miners to cease work. Arms were carried openly on the streets, and workmen go armed to work and to the stores. A committee of strikers will wait on the non-union miners and if it is expected the matter will come to a crisis. The scene of the trouble is three miles above Carey on the Ohio side at the Williams' mine, the largest in Pomeroy Bend.

## GRANITE WARE.

Injunction Proceedings Begun by the St. Louis Stamping Co.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. NEW YORK, April 8.—The St. Louis Stamping Company moved yesterday in the Supreme Court for a temporary injunction restraining Elwin S. Piper from advertising and selling granite ware of Berlin Village, L. I., sole makers of "granite" ware or the word "granite" in advertising.

Arthur Von Briesen, for the plaintiff, claimed that his client had manufactured granite ware for thirty years, and that the word "granite" was a trade-mark.

Interference, for the defendant, based on the fact that the plaintiff's claim of trademark, when customers "granite" ware, they were asked to pay for it. The trade could not be used by the defendant, and with the trade-mark of the court was reserved.

## UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.

Will Begin a New Religious Campaign in Tennessee.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 8.—The church of the United Brethren is to-day attending an important meeting in this city, attended by members from all over Tennessee. The presence of Rev. W. J. Shuey, the society publisher, and Rev. Wm. McKee, treasurer of the Missionary and Church Extension Board, from Dayton, O., is significant. Chattanooga is the headquarters for the secretary and the which will honor the Southern Telescope, Dayton, and published alone at Chattanooga. A seminary will be conducted in the city, and the building of many new churches will be undertaken. Entered upon in Southern territory. Rev. Shuey will be started here-to-morrow.

## Texas Knights of Pythias.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

FORT WORTH, Tex., April 8.—Brig. Gen. Kibben, of Van Zandt, Owing to his illness, has left for Texas, to be replaced by Houston, a member of the Knights of the Pythias of Texas. Members of the Fort Worth lodge accompanied him. The lodge is at Houston.

## PRONOU NOT GUILTY.

And Chris Morrison's Saving Witness a Frequent.

The twelve good Catholics composing the jury sitting in judgment on Chris Morrison in the Criminal Court, on Monday afternoon, evidently took to heart a rather bold utterance of Attorney Percival Adams, who conducted the defense.

Morrison was indicted for burglary and the larceny of a cleaver and four knives from Joseph R. Ahearn, a restaurateur at 104 Locust street. Morrison worked for Ahearn last November. He later, was converted and installed as a member of the Salvation Army, being made regimental chef. He prepared the food for the big dinner given by the poor on Christmas Day. Two days later Ahearn had him arrested, having found a cleaver and four knives belonging to him at the army headquarters. Morrison's indictment followed.

Attorney Adams admitted that the property in question, found in the army headquarters, belonged to Ahearn, and that Morrison had taken it there. A witness named Minor testified that in his presence Ahearn and an employee named Long looked Morrison over the cleaver and the knives for use at the Christmas dinner. Mr. Adams intimated that Ahearn's object in having Morrison frequenting the London Theater.

When the case came, the jury, solemnly said: "Gentlemen of the jury, I but recently came from Texas, and I, therefore, don't know about St. Louis. I have never been in the London Theater, nor do I know anything about the kind of entertainment it affords up to the night force, but judging from his remarks, Mr. Bishop evidently does."

What effect this statement had on the jury can only be imagined, but, fortunately, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

## GASPIPE GOES.

Judge Morris Favors It as a Defensive Weapon in a Scarp.

Judge Murphy may not like to see a gas pipe as a weapon of defense. Charles Fry was on trial Tuesday for assault. Howell Sullivan was the prosecuting witness. He was charged with striking Sullivan with a gas pipe. Sullivan testified that Fry struck him with a gas pipe. Sullivan testified that Fry struck him with a gas pipe.

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## DOES HE HOLD THE BAG?

Independent Distillers Think McNulta Is Wicked.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. PEORIA, Ill., April 8.—The Peoria Independent Distillers think they have shown Receiver McNulta of the Whiskey Trust that he can't learn all the ins and outs of the whiskey business in three months. By their withdrawal from the Peoria Distilling Association they claim to have reaped all the advantages and left the receiver holding the bag.

A cut of 3 cents in price was made this morning as a result of the break, making the selling price 52. It is estimated that another cut may be made soon as the receivers intend to push the night. All the independent distillers are running.

NOT GRIEF.

Mrs. Jane McCullough's Death Due to a Very Ordinary Cause.

A very pathetic story was told in an afternoon paper of Monday of how Mrs. Jane McCullough had died at her residence, 2302 Dickson street, of a broken heart, because of the death of her son, who had been killed in the workhouse.

Dr. W. R. Correll's certificate of death was filed in the court house at Peoria Tuesday. Mrs. McCullough died of cholera morbus.

AIR BRAKE ASSOCIATION.

Opening Session of the Annual Convention Had at the Lindell.

The Association of Air-Brakemen began its annual session at the Lindell Hotel on Tuesday morning. The association includes in its membership all of the air-brakemen of the various railway systems of the United States, Canada and Mexico. The purpose of its organization is purely instructive, and, at its sessions, papers are read and discussions had relative to the perfection of the air-brake system.

There were present at the meeting about 125 members, out of a total of 150. Mr. C. F. Case, air-brake instructor of the Frisco, from Monett, Mo., called the meeting to order, in the absence of President S. R. Hutchins, who is detained at home by the death of a member of his family. Neither of the vice-presidents was in attendance.

Several technical papers were read on Tuesday morning. The session will continue through Wednesday and Thursday, and will be closed on Thursday to serve for the ensuing year.

COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED.

Meeting at the Mercantile Club to Discuss Ways and Means.

The Committee of One Hundred will meet at the Mercantile Club at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening to take further action as to the prosecution of the investigation of election frauds.

Ways and means will be discussed and the report of the finance committee will be in all probability be heard. The committee of one hundred, which is the committee of the Public Safety, behind which is the Committee of One Hundred, has only in its treasury a few dollars to carry on the work. An effort will be made to raise another \$10,000 to carry on the work.

The whole work is being carried on by persons guilty of crimes against the ballot, which was begun last fall. With the mass of evidence which the Post-Dispatch has been accumulating against the election frauds, and the particularly the records of the most palpable frauds that have been secured by Post-Dispatch reporters, the attorney general is not anticipated as much trouble in securing convictions as was expected last fall.

Nathan Cole urges as full an attendance at Tuesday night's meeting as possible. The grand plan of the committee will then be laid.

BELL TELEPHONE STOCK.

Reported Heavy Selling by Those Near the Inside.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. BOSTON, Mass., April 8.—Although Bell Telephone officials profess to disregard the rumor of the organization of a strong rival concern, it is rather significant that the heavy selling of the stock seems to come from people who are very near the inside. This fact has increased the interest of the stockholders in general. Many strong names are mentioned in connection with the Standard and Auxiliary.

Neither the Western Union nor the Postal Co. is a particularly friendly rival of the Bell people, because of the latter's alleged violation of contracts with them, and it is considered not unlikely that those companies may rally themselves with the Standard.

However, there is a purpose, the promoters of the new enterprise say, to establish an entirely separate telephone system on an extensive basis, and which shall bring the service down to a reasonable cost.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE.

Committee Appointed to Investigate Collections on Checks.

The regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Merchants' Exchange was held Monday afternoon. Eleven new members were received, and the certificates of two deceased members ordered.

The communication from the Wholesale Druggists' Club, asking for the co-operation of the Merchants' Exchange in the collection of the exchange on checks, was approved, and a committee was appointed to take part in the discussion looking to the collection of the exchange on checks.

A petition was received asking the board to adopt a resolution of sympathy with the National Hay Association at its recent meeting in Cleveland. Messrs. Langenberg and Chris Sharp were appointed a committee to look into the matter.

IN FAVOR OF HOKE.

A Special Master's Report in a Chalk Plate Suit.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 8.—A decision was rendered to-day by Special Master Blanton in the suit of the Hoke Engraving Plate Co. in St. Louis against the Butler of this city for an infringement of a patent on chalk plates for newspaper work.

The Special Master's argument is that the Hoke original and resuscitated patents are valid; that Hoke was the inventor of chalk engraving plates; and that Butler, the defendant, an Atlanta plate maker, is an infringer.

A most important item in newspaper work, this finding will be of interest to newspaper men.

GEN. T. S. HARRIS.

Death of a Missourian Who Served Against the Mormons.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 8.—Gen. T. S. Harris of Missouri, who served in the Confederate army and against the Missouri Mormons, died at his country estate near here at 11 o'clock this morning.

Horace W. Hibbard's Estate.

The inventory of the estate of the late Horace W. Hibbard, the well-known Van-Zandt passenger agent, was filed in the Probate Court Tuesday. The summary is as follows: Insurance policy, \$10,000; cash, \$1,000; bonds, \$1,000; real estate, \$1,000; notes and due bills, \$1,000; accounts, \$1,000; stocks, all of nominal value, \$1,000; goods and chattels, including jewelry, as collateral, \$1,000; total, \$34,000.

Ten Cars Ditched.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. TEXARKANA, Tex., April 8.—A wreck occurred on the Cotton Belt Railroad, near Russell, Ark., on Monday night. Ten cars were derailed and derailed. The cars were thrown into the ditch and derailed. The cars were thrown into the ditch and derailed.

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## THE INCOME TAX STRADDLE.

It is unfortunate that the United States Supreme Court could not reach a decision, one way or the other, on the income tax. An equally divided court means nothing except that the decision of one Circuit Court Judge in favor of the law holds good, except as to incomes derived from rents on real estate and from interest on Federal, State, county and municipal bonds. If another Circuit Judge should decide that the entire law is unconstitutional, this decision, under existing conditions, would have equal weight with that of the other Circuit Judge who decided to the contrary.

## OUR "BEST CITIZENS."

Mayor Hopkins of Chicago promises to write a book. It is not the kind of a book, however, that will give joy to his enemies or to the enemies of good municipal government. He proposes to give a truthful account of his fifteen months' experience as outlined in an interview the book will be an invaluable contribution to the cause of municipal reform.

## THE LOCAL DEMOCRATIC COLLAPSE.

A comparison of the St. Louis vote in the last presidential election with that cast in the recent municipal election is interesting. The total vote of the city in the election last Monday was 15,187 less than the Presidential vote. Of this great reduction the Democratic share was 13,947 and the Republican share only 1,240. Had the Republican vote remained the same and as many Democrats voted as voted in the Presidential election the result would have been reversed.

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This slump in the Democratic vote of the city is a vindication of the Post-Dispatch's warning against the Butler influence in the selection of the Democratic ticket. It is proof of profound Democratic disgust with the mismanagement of the local Democratic party. It strengthens the demand of the Post-Dispatch for a complete reorganization of the party with its corporation bosses and their thug lists left out.

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The comparison is also a warning to the Republicans. They carried the city through Democratic disgust and not by Republican gains. It will be easy to lose it by mismanagement.

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citizen, and being fined in police court as a common brawler, his moral vision is hopelessly strabismic. Improper is too mild a term to apply to such a spectacle. It is a disgrace to the Governor and his State.

The Governor is the chief law officer of the State. He is at the head of the enforcing machinery. He represents the majesty and power of the law. It is incumbent upon him above all others to set an example of respect for the law and to uphold it at all times and under all circumstances. The people look to him as the embodiment of the dignity and sovereignty of State government. No considerations justify or excuse a violation of the law on his part, and perhaps the least excusable violation of which he could be guilty is a breach of the peace.

A Governor who so far forgets the obligations of his station as to set an example of lawlessness, as Gov. Clarke has done, owes the people of his State at least an apology. If he does not recognize the enormity of his offense the only becoming act of his official career of which he is capable is to resign.

## THE BRIDGE MONOPOLY INQUIRY.

The Post-Dispatch notes with regret the apparent indifference of the business men of St. Louis to the investigation of the Bridge combine by the Illinois legislative committee.

Chairman Campbell in yesterday's Post-Dispatch pledged his committee to an honest and thorough inquiry into the bridge and terminal monopoly. The carrying out of this pledge and the results to be obtained from an investigation largely depend upon the merchants of St. Louis. The committee offers them full opportunity to make known their grievances and to give information regarding excessive charges and oppressive exactions of the combine. Our business men can lay before the committee the facts necessary to make the investigation a success.

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The business interests of this city have long suffered from the burdensome exactions of the bridge and terminal monopoly. For years merchants have protested against its shackling of commerce. The monopoly has been greatly strengthened by the absorption of the Merchants Bridge and Terminal Co., which victimized the city with promises of competition. Within a week the Post-Dispatch contained vigorous protests against this outrage from leading business men. It would be an act of extraordinary disloyalty, if the business men of the city and State should neglect the chance offered by the Illinois Legislature to take the first important step towards, if not to actually accomplish, the unfettering of St. Louis trade.

## IN DEFENSE OF PURITY.

Gov. Stone has placed his signature of approval upon the act of the General Assembly raising the "age of consent" to 18 years and making a violation punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary. This enactment is one of the commendable deeds of the Thirty-eighth general assembly, and the women of the city and State are to be congratulated upon the influence which they brought to bear to secure these needed changes in the law.

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It is to be hoped that Mayor Hopkins will persist in his intention to tell the truth, and that his example will be followed by other Mayors. The most important step towards municipal reform will be taken when the real enemies of good municipal government are unmasked.

## GET TO WORK AT ONCE.

The Post-Dispatch does not understand the refusal of Mayor Walbridge to act as a private citizen with respect to the corruption of the Detroit police in this city. The appointment of a committee or the calling of a mass meeting to state the work could not possibly involve the municipality in any expense, or put any responsibility whatever—official or otherwise—upon the Chief Executive of St. Louis. The Mayor was asked to act as a citizen deeply interested in the welfare of his town and in the help of his fellow-citizens, just as the Mayors of other cities have been petitioned; and it was not doubted that he would respond with fervor and public spirit, just as the Mayors of other cities have done.

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But, notwithstanding the alibi which he declined to take the initiative, the committee was taken up by some one else. Quite a number of prominent St. Louisans have expressed a willingness to share the labors and responsibilities of carrying the movement forward. Among them are devoted to philanthropic work, and all that is wanted is the beautiful assistance in organization and leadership.

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Dr. Addison has manifested enthusiasm for the Detroit plan. It would be very becoming in him to call a meeting of interested citizens and start the work at once. There is no occasion for false modesty. It is a purely business proposition, and business men should take hold of it.

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Under the Post-Dispatch's gentle nuzzing, the Republic is gradually getting down off the fence and defining its real position on the money question. In yesterday's issue it characterized Mr. Watson as an "eccentric" level with Matthew Arnold and Tennyson.

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Mr. Selous, the African explorer, declares that the great curse of the British Empire in South Africa is drink. The Rev. F. J. Sawyer, a Boston Universalist, celebrated the 6th year of his ministry in the city of New York last night. He is nearly 92 years old, but does not look to be 80.

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Mr. Edward Lomer, the senior magistrate on the Southampton (England) bench, died recently, aged 92. Had he lived three months longer he would have reached his 100th birthday.

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It is said that Whittier decorated the celebrated "peacock room" in his residence in London by lying on his back on the floor and painting with a brush attached to the end of a fishing rod, examining the work from time to time with a pair of opera-glasses.

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Achenbach is the real name of Herr Max Alvar, the famous actor. He speaks five languages, his latest acquisition being Russian. He is a photographer, blacksmith, carpenter, electrician, architect and soldier, having served a year in the German cavalry.

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Whatever spring business may be generally, it is booming with the Post-Dispatch. The subscription books and advertising accounts of the Post-Dispatch are exhibiting larger figures every day.

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The POST-DISPATCH will accept advertising upon the distinct guarantee that its average city circulation, daily and Sunday, is greater than that of the Globe-Democrat and Republic combined.

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If \$20,000,000 has been saved to the bondholders and landlords, it is almost as much an occasion of rejoicing as that of the millions repaid by the foreign syndicate in the recent gold-bond deal.

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Between the train of slime and corruption left by the lobbyists and the endless chain which has robbed the Treasury of its gold the morals of the country have suffered beyond estimation.

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Repeating, ballot-box stuffing and election tricks generally, are all connected with bossism. No party with a boss can give any city or State clean government.

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